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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1048

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PDEV MASS EAID LA VM  
SUBJECT: PHAM VAN DONG AND LE DUAN TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE SOON

REF: VIENTIANE 0985

1. THE LAO PARTY NEWSPAPER "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" JULY 14 PUBLISHED A BRIEF FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH SAID THAT A VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY DELEGATION LED BY PHAM VAN DONG, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE VCP AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE SRV, AND LE DUAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE VCP, WOULD VISIT VIENTIANE "VERY SOON". NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED.

2. A LOCAL VILLAGE LEADER WAS TOLD THAT 2,500 "YOUTH" WOULD BE ASSEMBLED TO ATTEND WELCOMING CEREMONIES AT VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT "VERY SOON". THE VILLAGE LEADER SAID THAT SHE WAS TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE  
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ONLY A THREE HOURS NOTICE TO ASSEMBLE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM HER VILLAGE.

3. SINCE THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY, THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED NUMBERS OF ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ON VIENTIANE'S STREETS, AND A MIDNIGHT CURFEW IS BEING ENFORCED. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE PRIME

MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING RENOVATION AND REPAINTING SINCE EARLY JULY. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WAS FESTOONED WITH COLORED LIGHTS DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 13.

4. A GENERALLY RELIABLE LAO SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF JULY 12 THAT MANY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ARRIVING ON JULY 15.

5. COMMENT: REFTEL REPORTED RUMORS OF THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF FOURTEEN FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WITH CONCURRENT SPECULATION THAT THE MEETIN FWOULD BE TO COORDINATE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE OFFICIAL MEDIA HAS NOT YET IDENTIFIED ANY OTHER HIGH RANKING DELEGATIONS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE.  
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